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PRESS RELEASE

Westbound I-55/64 in St. Clair County

Location – Westbound I-55/64 between 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue, approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in East St. Louis.

The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced its plans to switch over traffic on westbound I-64/55 between 3rd Street and Tudor Avenue in East St. Louis beginning on Thursday, April 20, 2017, weather permitting. Traffic will be switched from the left two lanes to the right two lanes in order to complete the work that will connect the eastbound traffic from the Martin Luther King Bridge to westbound I-55/64.

During this transition, traffic will be reduced to one lane. After morning rush hour on Thursday, April 20, crews will temporarily close the middle lane of westbound I-55/64 to transition the traffic control in preparation for opening the two right lanes later that evening. One lane will remain open at all times during this transition. The two right lanes will be open by the morning rush hour on Friday, April 21. The lane closures are expected to continue through the summer.

Extensive delays are expected at this location during weekday morning rush hours and motorists are urged to plan accordingly and use alternate routes such as the I-70 Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge or the Martin Luther King Bridge. Additional information will be forthcoming as the closure date approaches. Message boards will also be utilized to provide additional information.

The General Contractor on this project is Keeley and Sons, Inc., of East St. Louis, Illinois. Mr. Joel Cumby is the Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation. If you have any questions concerning this project, you may contact him at (618) 346-3351.

Additional information is available at <http://stl-traffic.org>.

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